

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts II.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts II.

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THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE AND FELLOWSHIP IS THE STANDARD!

All Pentecostal People Ought to be Together and Not Divided!

SETTLED OR UNSETTLED—WHICH?

Greater Responsibilities Upon us Than on Any Previous Generation.

WE ARE INTO IT NOW TO MAKE THE LAST GREAT RUN IN THE RACE.

WHO WILL JOIN US, OR WHO WILL SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM US?

There never has been a time like this. Men are on their faces with the Bible open before them. Women are crying day and night for God to unfold the wonderful truths of the blessed Book of books to those who are able to tell them to others. Young people and children are anxious and uneasy. There is a state of unrest everywhere.

The apostles were anxious, of course, to follow the instructions of their Teacher and Commander, but they were settled so firmly in the principles that nothing could shake them. They did not waver. They did not create factions and divisions by expressing their opinions and striving for leadership. One did not pull off from the others and draw a crowd after them. They stood steadfast to the doctrine as He gave it them.

After they were gone, people got shaky. Many of them became restless and unsettled, and finally the standard was lowered and the beautiful white flag of truth began to trail in the dust. That led up to the time of the fulfillment of prophecy, "There come a falling away first." I do not need to repeat what followed for several hundred years. The picture is dark enough without comment.

But we are facing things as they are now. The standard of religion as a whole is low enough. But while this is true the real Bible standard is being revealed and many are tiptoeing to reach it. Some are settled upon the real apostolic foundation while others are unsettled. This leads to the question, Are you settled or unsettled—

which? I have watched the lives of many. I speak of religion and religious experience. I have seen men that were once apparently settled on a good foundation, later on in life they began to flounder. I know some of this class that are still floundering, and I'm afraid that some I know may end like a man in the quicksand—the more they struggle the deeper they will go until they will be lost to sight beneath the muck that has swallowed them up.

A certain man that has been preaching holiness and healing for years with some success, has only recently informed me that he preferred private life. This man claimed the experience of holiness and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and I had no cause to deny or even question his claim. Before he knew of the Church of God he was pulling the best he could toward the Bible standard. He called his mission the Church of God and was going on fairly well. At last he came in contact with the Church of God right. He with his whole membership walked in.

Their influence spread, and up he came as a preacher and worker, and many were added to the church under his ministry.

This brother was rising nicely and the people loved him. This state continued for years. Other churches were established under his influence and ministry. But about two years ago he seemed to lose his former enthusiasm, although he continued his ministry. He finally suggested that he surrender his ministry. I looked upon him with love and pointed out to him his obligations as a minister and encouraged him to push ahead. This he did again for a while, but later he tendered his resignation and says he has given up the ministry entirely and gone back to private life—got a job—making money and living well. His last communication to me stated that he was happy, but I do not see how a man can be happy under such conditions when souls are going to hell all around him. What do you call that, settled or unsettled—

which? I have in mind another brother that, a few years ago became some what unsettled, but fearing to flounder, as many have done and perished, he came humbly to us for support and help. We talked plainly to him but very kindly. He accepted the advice and submitted to every requirement and today he is strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. He is settled so firmly now that it hardly seems that anything can shake him. He is ready for any service the Lord calls for at his hands. And God is using him wonderfully. He is settled, and no question about him. I know I can depend upon him as a co-worker in the great Church of God.

I could give many examples to illustrate the settled and unsettled state. The unsettled always fail if they begin to flounder. Some have seen their danger and tried to get out, but I have never seen one regain the heights after he gets so much unsettled that he commences to flounder. I have one in mind now that was once strong for the Church of God. A little time back I discovered doubts creeping in. He is now in the unsettled state. He is not taking our advice. I am very sure he is now on the very edge of the quicksand and if he takes another step out he will commence to flounder. He has my sympathy and love, but this will not save him. The only thing that will save him at this juncture is submission, and this he does not seem inclined to do. I am watching and praying. I do not know what else to do.

When I was a boy my father told of a certain man that shot a deer while it was endeavoring to cross a quagmire. As soon as the gun fired he started for his game apparently forgetting the mire. But before he reached the deer he was buried up to his waist in the mud. He suddenly

saw his condition. Struggles did not help him. The more he struggled the lower he went in the mud. At last seeing his struggles were futile he bent the upper part of his body over on his gun and laid there quietly while some friends made a bridge of poles out to where he was and rescued him.

Just here I will drop a word of advice. If you find yourself unsettled at any time just bend over on the Bible and be quiet until some one can bridge out to you and rescue you. Do not begin to flounder. If you do you will very likely perish. I must tell of another dear man that was once a live wire in the Church of God. I've heard him preach under the power of the Spirit and move large congregations to tears, to weeping, to screams, shouts, joy unspeakable and full of glory. The first I knew of anything questionable about him he refused to take the advice of the overseer of his state. Later he ventured to take a stand against the General Overseer. We did the best we could for him. We begged him, prayed for him, wept over him, advised him, and loved him, but it was all resisted and our efforts to deliver him from the quagmire were all in vain. Next he decided we were all wrong so he proclaimed himself general overseer or leader by some name and the way he went.

It was only a little while and all of his friends that pulled out with him saw their mistake and forsook him. Today he is a forlorn outcast as far as his work for the Lord is concerned. He is still living, but he is unknown and lost to view. His case is indeed serious. I am afraid it is hopeless.

Beloved, it is better to be settled, but if you are laboring under some doubts or questions, for heaven's sake, do not go so far out that you will begin to flounder. You will be lost almost sure if you do. Ask yourself the question, Settled or unsettled—

which? Paul says, "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." (Col. 2:7.) Another writer says, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace." (Heb. 13:9.) Still another writer says, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (1 Peter 5:10)

Bees gather no honey while they are swarming. Not until they get settled do they get down to their work. Many people are swarming now and they will prepare no honey for the other people until they get settled. Unsettled people are unsafe to follow. You can't tell where they will lead you. They are just as likely to have you in the quicksand as any place. Their words may be as "smooth as butter" (Psalm 55:20, 21.) and the quicksand looks smooth and often glistens in the light of the sun,

but venture upon it and you are gone unless rescued by some providential hand.

It is certainly necessary for us to be settled now for there are greater responsibilities upon us than on any previous generations. We are into it now to make the last great run in the race of life, and we must be so established that we can reach the goal. "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" were the words that fell upon Peter's ears when he had commenced to flounder after walking on the sea for a little distance. O, it was because "he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid." And the very moment he became afraid he began to sink. And the very moment you begin to doubt or get afraid you will begin to sink. But if you are settled there is no danger.

Peter was wise enough to know his danger, but how many of the unsettled people in these days of tremendous responsibilities are blind to their danger until they have gone so far that they are ashamed to come back or call for help! Have in mind a precious young man that made the mistake of his life and never has been able to rise again. When he first took his stand against us with about forty followers he ran high for a few days, probably for a few weeks. But it was soon over and when he dropped they all forsook him and let him go alone. I felt so sorry for him. I found him forsaken by all who had seemed to be his friends while he was standing out so strong against us. He was penniless and in despair. I wept over him. I embraced him and kissed him. I gave him all the money I had. My heart was broken over him. He cried and tried to repent, but all seemed to be in vain. He came to me once at midnight. I loved him and he loved me. He was such a promising young preacher and was climbing rapidly, but he fell, floundered around until his voice was hushed. O, the sadness of that hour! I wonder how many souls will be damned in hell because he became unsettled, then floundered, and was soon gone to be heard of no more as a minister of the gospel.

I tell you, beloved, we are into it now to make the last great run in the race of life, and now who will join us, or who will separate themselves from us and run the risk of falling into the quagmire, or quicksands, or worse still, dropping into hell to suffer untold torture forever?

This is not a time for separation. It is rather the time for gathering together. One of old saw this time and his voice rings out down the ages and we hear it plain and distinct: "Then thou shalt see, and flow together." (Isa. 60:5.) There is a deep feeling among many of the leading pentecostal people of the world that we should all be joined together in one body. This feeling will increase among the true blue. It is going to be serious enough for those who are inclined to separate rather than join or come together.

It is no time now for the saints of God to separate. The only separation that God will approve is the separation from the world or heresies and divisions; a complete separation from sin and the devil. And this kind of a

separation will draw the saints together every time.

When people get trough rambling around, and get enough of trying to establish something of their own, and when they are compelled to watch their little structures grow weaker and leaner instead of stronger and fatter, they will be ready then for the Lord to work over and add to His Church right. This can be done for people who have not gone so far out after their own ways and other ways until they have lost out with everything and commenced to flounder. If they have reached this sad state I have but little hope of them.

But there many good substantial men and women who are not yet with us in the great Church of God that are not floundering. They may be unsettled, and are only looking for a safe place to settle where they will have government and protection. God is looking after such as these, and they are coming out of a lot of the fanaticism and false teaching that have been going the rounds and they are now looking for protection. Of course they will soon find it in the Church of God. And if the leaders will not submit and come they will soon be standing alone like a lone tree on the prairie.

It is good news to me to have the following words from the pen of one of the great pentecostal leaders: "I have a deep conviction that God would be pleased to have all the real Pentecostal people stand together in one body." Judging by the remaining contents of the communication I do not believe the writer intended to flatter or use his influence toward a compromise. It appears that he is sincere and hopes that the time may soon come when all the true blue Pentecostal people will be safely housed in the Great Church of God.

There is not a question in my mind but what God's true people will remain unsettled and in a state of unrest until He shall accomplish His will in bringing all into one body in answer to the prayer of Jesus: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one." (John 17:20-23.)

If I were unsettled like some I know I would seek a place to settle. I know what it is to wander and I have a sympathy for all that are in the same condition I was. I can bear with them while they wait because they want to be sure they are right this time. Some of them have been disappointed so many times that they hardly know who or what to trust, but the Lord will bring them, because they are honest and sincere and have not commenced to flounder.

Ezekiel saw the condition when he said, "My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill (big organizations and little organizations): yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth." But listen at the voice of God, "Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them

out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land." And this surely must refer to the Church of God, for that is surely the place where every child of God ought to be for protection and spiritual food.

God is after His sheep now. That is the reason they are so unsettled. He will not let them settle in the wrong place and rest long. Some to whom I am speaking to-night have no doubt thought they had at last found the "very place" when you have located in some organization, but you soon became restless again and began to wander. God would not let you rest, and if you are true blue He will not let you rest long anywhere until He gets you in the Great Church of God.

Some of you have had a little prejudice against the Church of God and you have shunned it and hunted for something else, but you have really been uneasy all the while, and now at last when you have learned the truth concerning it, instead of listening to the misrepresentations, you are about to decide it is right after all. Many of you have a different attitude toward us to what you once had.

Never mind about what you have said, or about how you have shunned the very thing God has been trying to get you into. He loves you, and we love you and what a glad welcome we can give you when you fully decide to come. "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." (Isa. 51:11.) And I might add, your wandering will be over, and your rest will be complete. You will settle down to solid work with confidence, and the once swarming bees (people) will gather honey (good soul food and sinners that are now lost) in earnest.

I close this message as I have hundreds of others at the midnight hour, but I wish to assure you it is truly a message of love, coming from a full heart that is constantly crying out for unity—oneness—one Lord—one body—one government, with Jesus as the head. Who would resist the prayer of Jesus and try to cause divisions instead of unity? Who would try to work against God who is searching out His people and gradually drawing them all into the Church of God? I fancy I hear a multitude of voices ring out clear and distinct, Not 1! Not 1!

Hardy, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I am so glad that I am a child of the King.

A few days meeting was held at Tilghman's Chapel by Brother R. O. Price of Morgantown, Miss. We sure had a great revival.

Your sister in Christ,
Boulah Kerr.

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FOREIGN MISSION SUNDAY falls on the eleventh of May next time. Hope every minister will take special interest in the collection this time and remind the people about it beforehand, so as to interest them in mission work on that special day.

Remember that Children's Day is set for the second Sunday in June. It is intended that every church and Sunday school observe this day and make it a happy day for the children. Read about it in your quarterly on page two. The "Children's Day" committees should be appointed about the first or second Sunday in May.

As a rule Sunday school teachers should be filled with the Holy Ghost and of course members of the church, but under some circumstances it might be very well to have a teacher that is favorable toward the church and yet not a member, and sometimes it might do to have one that does not have the Holy Ghost, but our people should never, under any circumstances have a Sunday school teacher that uses tobacco in any form.

Some would rather we would not talk and write so much about the church, but surely it is only those that have not seen the beauty and grandeur of it—those that have not yet got the vision. The Church is a New Testament theme and it can hardly be honored too highly. It is mentioned as being Christ's body of which He is the head, and it is His own production. It is His government for His people, and how can we speak or write too much about it?

I am very sorry to inform our friends that the price of the concordance we have been selling for \$1.35 has suddenly jumped up to \$2.00. This advance in price is due to high prices in printing and publishers' supplies, and is beyond our control. Please remember this when ordering. The book is indispensable at any price, I would not be without one for three times the cost.

Every local church should have at least one that can prevail with God in prayer. Great prayers are needed as well as

great preachers. Every pastor should know how to get hold of God in prevailing prayer for his congregation so that great power can be manifested in every service. A preacher certainly has no time for idleness. Every minute he is not engaged otherwise should be spent in prayer.

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We hope our friends will continue the subscription campaign at the regular price. Order extra copies and subscription blanks and do your best to still put the paper in new homes. We must now work hard to reach the twenty thousand mark. We are now on the "home run" and must not get easy about it for fear we might fail. It will be time enough to rest after the victory is gained. Our friends have shown great interest in this subscription campaign and their untiring efforts have surely been rewarded, for in only a very short time the subscription list has been swelled from twelve thousand to sixteen thousand. But we must have your help in order that it may continue to grow. It is a pleasure to remember that this is not my paper, but it belongs to us all, and you are as much interested in its circulation as I am. And we are all workers together with the Lord. Come on beloved, let us continue our efforts and run up to the twenty thousand mark as quickly as possible, so these good messages can reach the masses while they are going.

Obituaries.

Mrs. Eliza J. Melton of Rock Hill, S. C., departed this life to be with Jesus, March 13, 1919. She was in bad health for a long time. Her last words were, "Praise the Lord forever."

I failed to get any one to preach her funeral at her death but Brother Ferguson preached it last Sunday.

My companion now is gone, Her face I see no more, But on that happy, joyful morn, I'll meet her on that shore.

Her husband,
G. W. Melton.

The death angel claimed Mrs. Martha Price of Lake Providence, La., April 8, 1919. She was once a member of the M. E. Church but when the true light came, she walked into it. She received the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, and joined the Church of God.

She leaves to mourn her death, a husband and fourteen children.

She was returned to her former home and laid to rest in the Tilton cemetery to await the resurrection.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother J. M. Smith of Morgantown, Miss.

Her brother in Christ,
Joe Rushing.

On April 15, 1919, the death

angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foley Miller and claimed their little son, aged one year. It was a loving child. We grieve not as those who have no hope for we know that the baby is resting safe in the arms of Jesus. It leaves to mourn its death, a father, mother, one little sister, and loved ones.

The body was laid to rest in the McColin cemetery.

Dearest son, you have left us, Never more on earth to roam, But some day we hope to meet you.

With the angels around the throne.

Never more we hear your foot-steps,

Your little sweet voice is still, But we bow in meek submission To our blessed Savior's will.

Jesus gave and He has taken, Precious Savior, our true friend, While our hearts with sobs are breaking, To thy sweet will we'll say, "Amen."

Yes, you're gone, my precious loved one, And you'll not return, it's true, In a few more days this life will end, I'll say good-bye and come to you.

I feel so lonely, oh, so lonely Since my darling's gone away, But this cheers my broken spirit, That we'll meet again some day.

His mother.

WANTED—Sidewalks for a gospel tent. Write what you have and price wanted. Care of Evangel office. W. S. Gentry.

A MISAPPROPRIATION OF HIS POWER

M. S. LEMONS.

"It is not by might or power but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Paul said, "I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed labor on you in vain."

I am ready to admit that there has been plenty of misused man-power but I never have thought that God ever would allow His power to be used by weak man for an illegal purpose.

I do not know what all He uses His power for but I do know that He said, "Without me ye can do nothing." It looks unreasonable to me to think for a moment that God would associate His power with man power and use it for a purpose that would bring Him dishonor.

I have found myself without power to even get some sinners saved, notwithstanding I did all I could in the way of praying and exhorting them to repent. I would have pulled the power down if I could and would have blessed them very good, but it did not seem to be His "mind" at all to lend His power for that occasion. And after all I conclude that without Him we can do nothing, that means not anything. Not even as much as picking up a wild ratter, and handle him without feeling harm, or taking up living coals of fire and feel no hurt. I tell you God will let them take your life unless He associates His power with you to prevent the harm.

There seems to be a mistaken idea in the mind of some people in that they think God leases His power out to some folks and they use it for illegal purposes. They seem to think that if a copper-head comes along that they will take the power that ought to be used for healing the sick and raising the dead, and misappropriate it. For instance, as a man might take the county's money and use it for the benefit of his family when the county expected him to use it for its own business. But I remember that the Word says that "we" are the "clay" and "He" is the potter, in other words it is "we" that is used of "Him" and not "He" that is used of "us."

I have heard of people who got the cart before the horse, and as every one knows, that is

the wrong end around. It is God that takes the hand of His little ones and wraps them in His own hand of power that can handle the poisonous reptile or that takes up the living coals of fire. It is not in man to do that, man power fails at this point. No living man can get God to go in to a shoddy business like that and I would be afraid to intimate such a thing "Show pity, Lord, O Lord forgive." Some would accuse God of making a mistake (?) His signs do not follow unbelievers. No man can corral the power of God and use it for an illicit purpose. "It (doing miracles) is not by might or power (of man) but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Opposers do not have any more saved or healed than we do. Why? If we are wrong and our opposers are right, then why do they not have some of the signs following, and do the works as the Master said they should? It is very easy to conclude that they desire to leave the insinuation that we have the devil in the lead, and are coworkers with the same. We will let the Lord be judge. "The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

Jesus says, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth." If this work is of man it will come to naught, but if it be of God, "Ye cannot overthrow it, lest haply ye be found to fight against God."

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Vandale, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God this morning for the love that is burning in my soul, and because He says in His word there will be a "faithful few," I pray God that I will be one of them. Hallelujah to Jesus! I am so glad that the stripes He received was for our healing. Jesus says in Mark 16: 17-18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Glory to Jesus, for a few people, in these last days, who do believe. The signs are following them.

A few weeks ago I was healed of something like poison, I was unconscious for some time but Jesus raised me without the aid of man. There were only two saints to pray for me, but the Word says where there are two or more gathered together that He is in the midst. Hallelujah! A few days ago only three of us prayed for a sister who had a spell of the cramp here. When

we laid hands on her and commanded that thing to leave in Jesus name, the victory came. Hallelujah to God! God did manifest His power in a wonderful way. I thank God because it doesn't take a large crowd for God to show His power, it takes humility and obedience.

I want the saints to pray that God will send some spirit-filled preacher here, that will preach the word as it is and that God will send conviction on the people here who are not living right. Pray for me that I may let the Lord lead at all times. I am the only Christian girl who lives in this settlement and sometimes the temptations of this world are strong, but I know the Word says His grace is sufficient.

Your sister in Christ,
Viola C. Horton.

Crossville, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints scattered abroad:

I want to sound a note of praise to Him who has redeemed my soul from the clutches of Satan and set my feet in a large place. Glory to His precious name! How I love Him and the dear saints of God. I long to be with them in meeting but I must be contented at present to read the good testimonies in the Evangel. I can feel the blessed fellowship while reading them.

It seems that people are set in their ways here and want nothing but what they have. I am praying for the Lord to lead me to some hungry heart. Dear saints, I am where I cannot testify to it in the churches but you will hear of me telling it real soon where people want to hear it. I have been asking Him to give me a chance and I would do my best for Him and it is just like Him to do it. I never was so anxious to do His will, let it be what it may.

I am so glad God has set me in His glorious Church. It is fine to be a part of His precious Body. Though a feeble member, He honors it. It is grand to see the dear old Church of God moving on to perfection. By His help I will help to push it over the top and see it shining in all its beauty and glory. I am so glad it is the only organization I belong to, it satisfies me, Glory!

I was very sick with pneumonia a short time ago. A dear saint of God and his wife came. He laid hands on me and rebuked the disease. I arose and ministered unto the wants of my family. I have trusted the Lord for my healing ever since I got the Holy Ghost. I will trust Him until this mortal will have put on immortality. I used to use all sorts of remedies and gave them the glory.

I am still saved from all my sins, sanctified by His precious blood, healed, filled with the Holy Ghost, and speak in other tongues as the spirit gives utterance. I am the only Church of God member at Geraldine that I know of.

Mrs. Arta C. Maynor.

Notice.

Dear Evangel Readers:

Brother Letsinger will begin a meeting at Afton, Tenn., May 10.

I want all of you to pray for the meeting and for my eyesight to be restored.

Sarah C. Stockton.

Cascilla, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Beloved Saints:

I want to sound a note of praise this morning to our King for His goodness and love. One year ago last September I found the healing stream which flows from the throne of God. The blood of Jesus was applied to my sick soul, and it washed away every guilty stain. A few days later the Comforter came in to my heart to take up His abode. Praise His name! Some of the

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saints' faces shone like angels to me.

How my soul goes out for a lost world, which is on the verge of the eternal flames. Oh dear ones, how awful it is going to be to miss heaven, and to depart from our loved ones, who will enjoy the sweet raptures of heaven.

Can you get a glimpse of mother, father, or little sister, at the pearly gate of heaven bidding you to come? Dear saints, are you willing for everything in your life to be made known to the world? Jesus is going to come and find some of you sleeping.

Paul says, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Walk honestly—not in strife and envying." Rom. 13:12, 13.

Notice 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I fear that some of our people lose the fellowship and unity of the Spirit by failing to walk in the light.

Let us notice what Malachi says, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal. 3:8.

Now this is light, same as sanctification, and baptism of the Holy Ghost. Are you walking in the light? Beloved if you are robbing God stop at once. He pays you for everything you do for Him.

Beloved, if we take hold of an electric wire not connected to the power house, we cannot feel the current. If you fasten the wire to a running dynamo it will shock you. Get on the live wire that runs to the heart of God, by walking in all the light and obeying Him, then you can feel the strong current (power of God) running through your whole body. Glory Hallelujah!

If you refuse to walk in the light here, you will not be able to walk in the light of that bright city John saw coming down in Rev. 21:2, where the streets are all pure gold and the gates are of pearl. How I long to meet all the dear saints in midway air, with our blessed King of kings and Lord of lords, where we can praise and laud Him forever. Jesus is coming soon, this great event is drawing near. His bride will soon be caught up to meet Him in the air. I long to see His shining face as He comes forth with His angels. Read Rev. 1:7.

How I love the dear old Church of God with all of its rules and government. Let us wave the banner high. Come on beloved, and let us muster all our forces against the enemy by walking in the light, living clean lives, preaching, praying, singing, testifying, paying tithes, distributing literature, taking subscriptions for the Evangel and doing with our might what our hands find to do.

Pray for me.

Your unworthy servant for the Master and His work,
Jesse Danhower.

TITHING FACTS

W. H. CROSS.

1. Abraham is the father of all who are in the faith. (Rom. 4:16.) He gave tithes of all. (Gen. 14:20.) Jesus said, "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham." (John 8:39.)

2. Jehovah, God, so regarded the tithing system that when Israel failed to pay their tithes, He counted them backslidden. (Mal. 3:8,9.) He gave the only remedy for such wickedness, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house." (Mal. 3:10.)

3. It is a farce to think that a man can possess the spirituality of the New Testament and at the same time ignore the teachings of the Old Testament as to the doctrine of tithing (2Tim. 3:16.)

4. Some attribute the tithing system to Moses. (Lev. 27:34.) They say that it was fulfilled in Christ. (Matt. 5:17.) thus exempting themselves from this obligation. The New Testament gives Abraham as the source of this doctrine. (Heb. 7:1-9.) It was handed down to Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and only renewed by Moses. It flows like a stream by the side of all other doctrines of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

5. Is a man who robs God any better than a man who robs a bank? Is a man any better who steals from God than the man who steals from his fellow man? If the God who changes not (Mal. 3:6.) called men who refused to pay Him tithes and offerings, "robbers" and put them under a curse (Mal. 3:8,9.) three hundred and ninety seven years before the birth of Christ, how much less are we robbers today who enjoy the white light of this age and refuse to pay Him tithes and offerings?

6. What about that pastor who refuses to preach and teach the tithing system to his people because it stirr some of his members to a boiling point? Is not this the very reason others give for not preaching and teaching holiness? The possessors of holiness should worship God with their substance in the Scriptural way. My dear pastor, God sees and knows just why you dodge their issue.

7. Reader, did you ever hear any one testify of the blessings they had received because they didn't tithe? I have heard many testify of the blessings they received because they were tithing. That God places His approval on the tithing system should be enough to convince any fair minded person. An honest man invites the truth regardless of the cost, the other fellow should be compelled to bear it. A testimony meeting on this wise is a good thing for any church.

8. Are you a tither? If not, why not? Will a man get rich honestly by robbing his employer? Do you ever study the Bible on tithing? If not, why not? Do you know that we will be held accountable for wilful ignorance? Thou shalt not steal means from any one, even God. Are you a thief? God knows, so do you. Bring or beg? There are two words used throughout the Bible in connection with tithes, offerings, and the house of God. One is bring, the other is brought. They mean the same. God has made no provision for the church to appoint a committee to beg its members to give a little weakly offering each week to its support. God does not love His children professionally but practically. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." He gave because He loved. He does not love because He gives. That which prompts us to give is greater than the gift. Therefore, if we have His love within us, giving will be a pleasure. Yea, it will be a means of grace. Melchisedec, King of Salem, priest of the most high God, heard of the church in His day so acknowledged that Abram paid Him tithes of all. (Gen. 14:1-20; Heb. 7:1-3.) God called Abram His friend. Abram had proved to God that he was giving because he loved Him. Hezekiah, the fearless servant of the Most High found Israel (the church) backslidden. He proclaimed the whole counsel of God without favor. The result was that all Israel (the church) brought in the offerings and the tithes and dedicated things faithfully. (2 Chron. 31:5-12.) Nehemiah, the prophet, in making his rounds found that the house of God was forsaken. The preachers and singers who did the work had fled to the fields to work. He got the Church Board together and set them in their places. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and oil unto the treasures. (Neh. 13:12.)

Malachi, the last prophet before John, brought the message of God to the church of his day with no uncertain sound. If he were to appear today with such a message, I fear he would have a hotter battle than he had in those days. Nevertheless, we need to be around just as much as they. This was his demand, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house (church treasury), and prove me now herewith, saith Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10.)

Christ found the church backslidden along spiritual lines such as judgment, mercy, and faith, but they had not forgotten Malachi's strong message. He upbraided them for their neglect on weightier things but commended them on the tithing system (Matt. 23:23.) He found that the Pharisees paid tithes of all. (Luke 18:10-12.) He said that our righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees. (Matt. 5:20.) They loved God because they gave to Him. We give to God because we love Him. Christ endorsed the idea of bringing the gifts into the treasury in His church.

The church had no board at first to look after the financial part of the work. The God that filled the early prophets now had filled the entire church. He taught them to give as in the days gone by, from the heart of love. They sold their lands and houses and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet. The preachers tried to run the business part of the church and preach too, but failed. So they called the church together and elected a board to look after the business of the church. (Acts 6:1-6.)

Paul, in giving orders to the churches which he had oversight of, said that they should lay in store on the first day of the week as God had prospered them, that there be no gatherings when he came. Paul had so ordered the churches of Galatia. (1 Cor. 16:1,2.) The idea throughout the Bible is that God's children are to have enough pure and undefiled religion and love for God that they will bring the tithes and offerings willingly.

I pray that the time will soon come when every member of the Church of God will be so awakened along the line of tithing until every one will bring in their tithes and offerings according to the Bible. Dear ones, we shall soon meet these precious truths again. Judgment is coming. How will it be with you on that day if you ignore these truths and refuse to pay tithes?

Foreign Mission Receipts.

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Requests.

A sister at Brockdale, Tenn., requests prayer that her children may be saved.

A. J. Skaggs, Fox Bluff, Tenn., desires prayer that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

R. H. Roberts of Leesville, Va., requests prayer that he may be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

J. A. Jones of Shelby, N. C., requests prayer that he and his wife may receive the Holy Ghost.

A lady at Live Oak, Fla., requests prayer for her unsaved husband and that she may stand true.

Mrs. Carrie Murphy of Augusta, Ga., requests prayer for her husband, son, and three brothers to be saved.

T. J. Shelton of Ridgeway, Va., desires the saints to pray that his five sons may be saved, also pray that he may trust the Lord for Divine healing.

Mrs. Fannie Snell Longsdale, Ala., requests prayer for the healing of her body. Also that the Lord will send some one into her community to preach the true gospel.

Mrs. Mirtie Terrell of Ashville, Ala., had the influenza last November, which settled in her left breast and has a rib broken. She requests the prayers of the Evangel readers that she may be healed and that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Bertha Burgess of Port St. Joe, Fla., feels that the Lord has a greater work for her to do and she desires the prayers of the saints that she may break through the wall of darkness which surrounds her.

Mrs. Mollie Sisk of Austinville, Va., is not sure that she has received the Holy Ghost. She desires prayer that she may be satisfied. Also that she may be healed and receive a better eyesight.

Mrs. Viola Watson of Chief and, Fla., requests prayer for

the healing of a sore spot which has been in her chest about three years. She also desires prayer that her mother, Mrs. Eliza Brown, may be healed. She fell and knocked her arm out of place, probably broke her arm, and hurt her left side and knee.

Mrs. Nora Trusly of East Chattanooga, Tenn., has an eleven year old son who stays out from home a week at a time, chews and smokes tobacco and does other things. She has punished him, prayed with and for him and has tried in every way she knows, but has failed to conquer him. She requests the earnest prayers of the saints for him.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Readers of the Evangel: I want to sound a note of praise for the wonderful Holy Ghost which sweetly abides. Our district convention has just closed. A wonderful message was delivered and the Lord blessed wonderfully. Brother E. B. Culpepper, our State Overseer, and Brother M. S. Haynes and wife from Louisiana, were with us. Brother Haynes gave good instructions to the saints.

Pray for me that I may stand true and be a soul-winner for Jesus.

Your brother,
I. Smith.

Report.

We have just closed a meeting at Empire, Ala. Brother Ellis failed to come but God was with us. Brother Bryant surely did some of the best preaching I ever heard. He did not come with enticing words, but in demonstration of the spirit and power. Brother Otis McCoy had charge of the music and was always on his job.

After much crying and praying before the Lord, God gave us the victory. Many precious souls were saved and sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and thirty were added to the dear old Church of God. Praise His name forever!

My soul is filled with praises to Him. O, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together. Declare His doings among the people, making mention that His name is exalted. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

We covet the prayers of all the saints for the next meeting which will begin at Dora, Ala., the first Sunday in May.

Thy little brother,
Luther A. Richard.

Live Oak, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints Scattered Abroad:

I want to sound a note of praise to God for victory in my soul.

Last July God sent Sister Lula Jones here to preach the Word in its fullness. During the meeting the Lord showed me my condition and I was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence. Several others were saved and sanctified.

After the meeting I had prayer in my home every night and would pray for the sick. The Lord gave me some good blessings but I became burdened. One night I was praying for my brother-in-law and the Lord told me to go into the vineyard and preach the gospel.

I have seen many souls go through to God since I have been out in the work. Glory to God! We are having meeting near home and the power is still falling. Five have received the Holy Ghost and there are a lot of hungry seekers.

We are expecting the overseer to come and organize a church here with about twenty Holy Ghost filled members, if no more.

We expect to begin a revival

near Madison, Fla., some time in May.

May we all sow seed of the gospel for we believe the time is near at hand for the angel to thrust in the sickle and reap as John saw in Rev. 14:14-19. Pray for me.

Your brother for lost souls,
Wesley Phillips.

Paris, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God because I have been redeemed through His blood. Praise the Lord! I have the three wonderful blessings.

This is the dressing room for eternity and I'm afraid Satan will take us to hell undressed if we don't awake. I want to be one of the Lord's humblest servants.

I am only a young girl but I am not ashamed of Jesus. I want all the saints to hold me up in your prayers.

A revival will begin here the fourth Sunday in April, conducted by Brother J. B. Ellis of Alabama.

Your sister under the blood,
Edith Holcomb

Mt. Sharon, Ky.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to praise God for what He has done for me. He saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I am walking in the light as it comes to me. Praise His Name! I praise Him for His healing power.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." (Heb. 2:3.)

We are but a small band of saints here but we are praying that some man of God will come this way. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10.)

Your brother in Christ,
J. T. Sanders.

Berryton, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus Precious Name:

I am praising God for what He has done for me at this place. I am closing a revival which has continued about two weeks. I found some very hungry souls here. During the first meeting one woman received the Holy Ghost and spake in tongues according to Acts 2:4, and 10:46.

About ten were saved, three sanctified, and three filled with the Blessed Holy Ghost. We have had lots of shouting and talking in tongues as the spirit gave utterance. We are giving God the Glory. I feel good and I intend to praise Him for His wonderful power to tear down the strongholds of Satan and to plant and build the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Tim. 3:15.

We have organized a Sunday School. I thank the Lord for these dear people, their Christian love and hospitality. God Bless you.

Your humble servant,
Walter W. Rush.

Whitwell, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus name.

I'm praising God this morning for victory in my soul, for pardoning my sins, for sanctifying me, for giving me the Holy Ghost, and for speaking in tongues as the spirit gives utterance.

We are having some good meetings here now. We had a wonderful meeting last Saturday night. The power of God was manifested by the handling of fire. Praise God for His power.

Brother Hickman is our pastor. He sure does preach the

word and is liked by both saint and sinner. We want all who reads this to pray that God will give us a good meeting. I have a husband and three children in sin. I want all saints to pray that God will save them before it is too late. I desire, also, that you pray a special prayer for my sick daughter that her body may be healed and her soul saved.

Your unworthy sister under the blood,
Carra Stone.

Copper Hill, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for the blessings which we received Saturday night. Brother Walker, State Overseer, was with us and gave us some good messages.

I have been afflicted four years and I want all the readers to pray that I may be healed, also for my husband and two daughters that they may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. M. M. Campbell.

Spring Hope, N. C.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise the Dear Lord for victory in my soul. I was filled with the Holy Ghost and called to preach about six years ago and I have been on the battlefield ever since.

The devil caused me to lose a new tent last fall by having some one to burn it, but the Lord helped me to get another. I also have a folding organ and my little girl plays well. If any one desires us to hold a meeting or help in one, you may write me at Spring Hope, N. C.

Your humble brother,
J. B. Brantley.

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Kingston, Jamaica.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Leaders of the Evangel Family—Greetings in the Precious Name of Jesus:

I do greatly rejoice that I am among the humbles of God's chosen children, rejoicing with Him.

I was not a Church of God worshiper in Central America. I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire Sept. 2, 1913. The Lord brought me to this island March 16, 1917, where I am now doing His biddings. Praise His name. After my sister, N. A. Stapleton, and I tarried for about fifteen months, the Lord moved in a wonderful way. We had been praying for a place of worship and in May, 1918, Brother Llewellyn came and set up this work with seven members, leaving me in charge. With prayer and fasting we held on to our Lord and He sure blessed us. There are ten of us now who have the Holy Ghost and others are sanctified.

The way is open for greater blessings. People are coming from all parts of the city to hear this strange doctrine. We are now in a good condition to work.

I request the prayers of all the dear saints that we may stand true to God and be abundantly blessed in His service and that this gospel may go through the whole land. I would be glad for anyone who is interested in this work to come and help.

Yours in the Master's service,
J. M. Parkinson.

Request.

Mrs. R. D. Dunaway of Morgantown, Miss., requests prayer that her three sons may be saved.

East Bank, W. Va.

Dear Evangel Family:

This morning finds me with victory in my soul, and praising God for His mighty power, and for the way He is blessing souls in old West Virginia. Just closed a five weeks' meeting at Crown Hill, in which sixty two were saved, forty nine sanctified, and thirty two filled with the Holy Ghost, and spake with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance according to Acts 2:4.

The last night of the meeting all the sinners in the house came forward and gave their hand for prayer. The sinners were weeping and the saints were weeping for lost souls. It seemed as if heaven were near. It was the most wonderful meeting I ever experienced in my life. It was a time of rejoicing to see the sinners asking the saints to pray for them. The meeting closed with thirty seekers at the altar. We desire the prayers of all the saints to pray that these hungry souls will get through to God. We hope to return to this place soon.

We leave today for another place where this gospel has never been preached. Pray that God will give us many souls. My lungs are weak and I am not able to be in the field, so pray that God will heal me. I can't be still while men and women are going to hell all around me. "The harvest is ripe and the laborers few." Brother and Sister, are we doing our part? Souls are at stake. The coming of the King draws near.

Let us pray as never before and be ready to hear, "Come ye blessed of my father."

Thank God for the love of Jesus that I feel burning in my heart. Bless His holy name!

Your brother in the Master's service.

F. B. Worley.

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Rock Island, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and the Saints scattered abroad:

I am praising the Lord for saving me. I was wonderfully sanctified about eight years ago and December 7, 1917, He wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and it still abides in my soul. Glory, Hallelujah!

We have good times during our family devotion. We had a wonderful meeting at my home a week ago last Sunday. Only a few saints were here but the Lord was with us. The saints shouted, danced, talked in tongues, and handled fire. All except one had the Holy Ghost. Pray for him that he may get it.

I have heart trouble and other

diseases. Also I am blind. I ask the prayers of the saints everywhere that I may be healed and that I might receive my sight. I am now seventy nine years old and I am am going all the way with my Savior. I am waiting for the ship of Zion so I can go sailing home. Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,
I. M. Pirtle.

Notice

Dear brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' name:

We have decided to sanctify a fast and call another solemn assembly at my home here at Hardy Station, Miss. to pray for more power. We are expecting to have this fast just as soon as the District Assembly is over at Stonefield, which will begin the first of May.

We want the Church of God people everywhere to pray for this and we would be glad that the ministers who attend the assembly would come prepared to stay with us through the fast. We expect to pray for souls and great power.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
Mrs. Lillie Tilghman

Couch, Mo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for showing me the Church of God. Although I have found it just what I have been teaching, I didn't understand how the tithing was arranged. I thank God that I have never erred from the faith in the least. I have always taught sanctification as a second work. I have taught the saints to clean up from adultery, tobacco, and everything that is unlike God. I haven't had to change my belief, I have only gotten a clear vision of the government of the church.

Wife and I have stood almost alone but, Thank God! at last we have found more pilgrims traveling the same road. My whole time is and has been for about five and one-half years for the service of my Master who has done so much for me. He saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking with other tongues as the spirit gave utterance. I thank God for visiting the church at Haynes, Ark. and for meeting Brother Burk who is truly able to explain the Church of God. I advise any who are wondering about the church of God to get some preacher or overseer to give the light on the church and to walk in the light as it comes. God is gathering His children together, so do not be self-willed and despise government for we know everything must have some government. God has a business plan for His children. I advise all who have been so wonderfully blessed in my meetings and especially the ministers who have stood with me to please investigate the Church of God teachings and you will find what I have taught you, but I advise you to go on to deeper depths and higher heights in God.

My desire is to see all of God's children come together in as

oneness and God will bless as never before. My prayer to God is that all may be saved.

Your humble brother and servant in the Lord.
E. L. Pinkley.

Ravia, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The meeting closed at Tishomingo, Okla. last night with thirty-seven saved, twenty sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty one baptized in water, Sunday school organized with sixty members, the church set in order with nineteen, some to follow.

Brother and Sister R. L. Duke from Ensley, Ala., and Brother and Sister E. O. Scarbrough from Paris, Texas, were with us the last thirty days. The Lord sure blessed them in giving out the Word. This part of Oklahoma is a new field and is ripe unto reaping. All who read this, please pray the God of the harvest to send us some laborers. We need some pastors real bad as there are several churches in this state and NO pastors.

Some full blood Indians are becoming quiet interested and attend services about as regularly as the white people. Some have been saved and others are seeking the Lord.

We shall begin a tent meeting at RAVIA, OKLA., Saturday, April 26. We can take care of several workers in this meeting, and all others until the Assembly.

Yours in His service,
R. L. Cotnam, State Overseer.

Colmar, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Wife and I have been called out into the field to work. We are now trying to run a meeting at this place. We desire the prayers of the saints that God's blessings may be upon us. God's presence is needed very much. The people here want the church reestablished and I am trying to do God's will in everything. I do not know how long we will be here but we expect to begin a meeting at Clear Fork.

I have had a hard time but Praise God! I am over coming every trial. I have had the flu but I did not call for a doctor, I trusted God through it all.

There was no one to pray except wife and I but He brought me out so that I can be in the work again. If any preacher wants to write me you may write me at the above address.

Yours in the work till Jesus comes,
W. F. Lunsford

Report and Notice.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I praise God for His great love that keeps the fire burning in my soul. I am determined by His help to go through.

The church at Trafford, Ala. is growing. The saints are in harmony and in good standing.

The Church of God here wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members:

Grover Jarrell, Jim Swan, and Mrs. Lee Jarrell.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Maggie Nibblett,
Olerk.

A MISSION CALL.

A. D. EVANS.

As it will probably be of interest to some to hear about "A Mission Call," I write the following:

I am thankful to God for the Christian influence of my mother, which I had while but a child. At times when I did something that was against her will, she reproved me of it and sat and talked with me, telling me how she wanted me to be a good boy. Many times mother's voice could

be heard praying for her boys. Praise God for a Christian mother!

When I reached the age of fourteen years, God began knocking at my heart's door. After carrying a convicted heart for a short time, I said, "Yes," and immediately the burden rolled away. In a very short time God wonderfully sanctified and sent the abiding comforter which is the Holy Ghost.

Shortly after I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost I began to believe, as the spirit would impress upon my heart and mind, that God had a work for me to do for Him. After consulting God about His will concerning me and after attending the Altamont Bible and Missionary Institute in S. O. I felt perfectly safe and satisfied in going forward, while attending the school God began talking to me in a manner that brought to me things which seemed almost impossible. For two years I waited in silence before God, listening to His whispering voice and as it has been said of another, I pondered all these things in my heart. At the close of these two years of silence before God, as I had been waiting for Him to make His will plain to me, I was at last so filled with this, "A Mission Call," until I began to tell the secret of my heart. Many were surprised to hear of my future field of labor for God. Well do I remember hearing my dear mother say, "I have thought for some time that one of my three sons would some day be a foreign missionary."

As I think of the great love of God for lost humanity and see how He has provided for us (the whole world) by giving His only begotten Son that we through Him might have life, it causes me to have a deep sympathy in my heart for those in darkness, who know nothing of this great love. The great command of Jesus is still ringing forth from the Divine book, "Go ye into all the world." I am fully persuaded that we, in a measure, are responsible for those who know nothing of the gospel and are groping in darkness.

Little have people realized as followers of Christ, the great responsibility that is resting upon them for the spreading of the gospel over the world. If the nation of China alone were considered by the followers of Christ surely they would have a feeling of sympathy for this nation of people who are wandering in the dark shadows of night. Just think of this great nation with her teeming millions which is four times as great as the United States of America.

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"A mission Call." Just now it seems as if I can see myself wrestling against the powers of darkness in this land of heathenism. China needs help. As her people are worshipping idols and placing their faith in them, we as people of God should begin to realize as never before, the thought of lending a hand of assistance to help these people out of sin. We can "look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." now is the time for the great Church of God to shine forth in foreign lands

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